Culpeper Regional Airport

We are well into 2006, and I hope everyone had a GREAT New Year. It is hard to believe where the time goes. In January of every year, the Airport Advisory Committee elects a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman for that year. For 2006 the Airport Advisory Committee Chairman is Michael Dale and Vice Chairman is Bill Flathers. Mike has two planes based at the Airport and is also the Chairman for the Air Fest Subcommittee. Bill flies commercially and is a new member to the Advisory Committee. Both gentlemen bring years of aviation expertise to the table and will ably carry us through 2006. The Airport Advisory Committee meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Airport, and the public is welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings. The other members of the Committee are: Tony Dias, Bob Yeaman, Dave Franklin, Earl Long, Bill Chase (Board of Supervisor representative) and Steve Nixon (Board of Supervisor alternate representative).

The Construction project to join our newly rehabilitated and enlarged apron (located in front of the current terminal building) with our midfield apron, along with an automobile parking lot, was completed in the fall of 2005. In the last phase of that project a corporate hangar site preparation area was completed with water and sewer taps and enough space to construct a hangar as large as 20,000 sq. ft. or two smaller hangars. Presently, Austin Electric is working on the finishing touches for the Localizer on the field. This project was delayed last year, but it is a go for this year. The FAA has plans to fly the critical path in the spring, and the Localizer is scheduled to be operational by summer of this year.

In January, the Airport was given a unique opportunity to test an advancement in biometric technology utilizing ultrasound waves for fingerprint identification. Yes, this technology works much like the ultrasound that allows you to view an unborn baby growing in the mother's womb, only it is scanning for a fingerprint. It takes only a few minutes to log someone into the security database, and then you are set for future visits. This technology was not being used in the United States, and Securiport, the Washington, D.C. based company, is hoping that by using Culpeper Airport as a test center, they will be able to interest some of the other airports in this technology. What makes the Ultra-Scan so unique is that the machine can detect a fingerprint through dirt, grime, grease, etc. Most biometric readers use glass for the imaging, and your finger must be free of any dirt, and the reader must be cleaned constantly for proper viewing. While we are only on a trial basis, the Airport hopes that this technology eventually will be used to access gates, the terminal building, flight school and various other areas requiring secure access.

Leon Rector, Airport employee tries out the new Ultra-Scan technology.

Speaking of White Hawk Flight School Bob Harmon, Chief Flight Instructor, would like to congratulate the following students who completed certain aspects of their aviation schooling in 2005.

Students who Soloed (took off in the plane and landed without an instructor in the plane):

    Kerr Chase
    Martin Maziarz
    Larry Hoffman
    Rooney Anderson

(It is customary to cut the back out of their shirt and decorate it with the Solo date, name etc. These shirts are then hung up at the airport for all to see.)

Pilots who received their Private Pilot License:
    M.T. Brown
    Josh Flint

Pilots who received their Instrument Ratings:
    Donald Maziarz
    April Dugger

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE!!!!

As always, if you would like to find out anything about our facility or White Hawk Aviation (Aircraft Maintenance and Flight School) just call us at the Airport, 540-825-8280. We are working together to help make your Aviation Dreams come to life.

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